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Subject: Harbor Bridge Project - Meeting Agenda and Public Involvement Summary
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Please find attached the final meeting agenda and public involvement summary for use during today's meeting with TXDOT and FHWA.

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Subject: Harbor Bridge - IAug 12 Meeting Agenda and Public Involvement Summary
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Hello Kimeka:

I didn't receive any comments on the revised agenda I sent this morning. Therefore, I am resending the agenda as final and including the summary of Public Involvement for distribution to the other EPA Staff as appropriate.

We are updating our draft response to EPA's comments and I will forward them to you with the draft mitigation plan as soon as we complete our update.

Thanks
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Harbor Bridge Project Public Involvement Summary July 2014

Public involvement is a key part of the Harbor Bridge Project because it provides an opportunity for local stakeholders and the public to participate in the EIS decision-making process. The objectives of the public involvement program for the project are as follows:

- To engage all stakeholders including those of limited English proficiency and Environmental Justice (EJ) populations to ensure that all are given an opportunity to provide input regarding possible alternatives for Harbor Bridge;
- To provide stakeholders with clear, concise information about the progress of the environmental documentation/schematic development process;
- To enable TxDOT to be responsive to comments and concerns raised by stakeholders; and
- To document all communications between stakeholders and TxDOT for inclusion in the project's Administrative Record.

To meet these public involvement objectives, TxDOT and FHWA have conducted the following public involvement activities:

- A project mailing list was created/maintained that includes all local stakeholders and area residents who wish to receive project mailings or email communications.
- A project website (ccharborbridgeproject.com) allows TxDOT and FHWA to both disseminate and gather public input. The website, which is regularly updated, includes project status updates, project newsletters, information on the EIS process, public meeting/hearing announcements, public meeting/hearing information (meeting summaries, meeting presentations and handouts, meeting exhibits), project schedule, engineering schematics, project photos, etc. Individuals who visit the website have an opportunity to provide comments or request that they be added to the project mailing list.
- A project newsletter has been distributed frequently since project began. This newsletter now is sent to over 600 individuals via U.S. mail and email, and is available on the project website.
- Two public/agency scoping meetings (2011) were part of the early project development. Previous public and agency scoping meetings were held on June 23, 2005 and May 17, 2007. After the most recent Notice of Intent was published in 2011, additional public and agency scoping meetings were held on August 9 and October 27, 2011. The first scoping meeting of



2011 was held at the TxDOT District Office on August 9, 2011. This scoping meeting provided resource agencies, stakeholders, and members of the public an opportunity to review and provide comments on the draft Coordination Plan that includes the Purpose and Need, and an explanation of the methodology of analysis and level of detail for the alternative analysis. The second scoping meeting was held October 27, 2011, and covered the revised draft Coordination Plan, including the revised Purpose and Need statement, the range of alternatives including new alternatives suggested by the agencies and the public, and the methods and level of detail. Again the meeting participants had an opportunity to review the information presented and provide comments.

- A public meeting was held on December 4, 2012 was held to provide additional information to the stakeholders and the public, and to gather additional public input. The 130 participants were given an opportunity to view a TxDOT presentation, meet with project team members, and review and comment on the project alternatives. Section 106 coordination information was also available. The meeting was heavily publicized through the local news media, project website, project newsletters, and via English/Spanish radio spots.
- A Citizens Advisory Committee (2005-2014) and a Technical Advisory Committee (2012 – 2014) were created to provide community/stakeholder input throughout the project. The Citizens Advisory Committee is comprised of local residents, property owners, non-profit agencies working in the project area, and representatives of neighborhood associations, educational, and religious organizations. The Technical Advisory Committee consists of elected officials, civic organizations, and representatives of the MPO and other local agencies. The CAC has met 12 times since 2007; the TAC 5 times. Committee membership was decided through a nomination process to ensure representative committee compositions.
- To ensure that the concerns of the identified EJ populations in Harbor Bridge Project area were identified, an EJ methodology and work plan was developed in 2012 and implemented in consultation with EPA as a Cooperating Agency to ensure that public involvement process is robust enough to engage these EJ populations in accordance with the 1994 Executive Order 12898. The EJ methodology was implemented consistent with:
 - Executive Order 12898, DOT Order 5610.2,
 - FHWA Order 6640.23, current CEQ, FHWA,
 - TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division guidance, case studies and other sources, including the 2011 EJ Strategies of DOT and EPA.
- One-on-one and small group stakeholder meetings have been held throughout the EIS process to ensure that all community concerns/inputs are considered during evaluation of alternatives. TxDOT has met with civic organizations, the Corpus Christi MPO, advocacy groups (e.g., Citizens for Environmental Justice), City of Corpus Christi representatives, tourism associations, and



neighborhood associations (e.g., Hillcrest Residents' Association), as well as representatives of the Corpus Christi ISD, United Way of the Coastal Bend, Christus Spohn Health System, St. Paul United Methodist Church, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Black Chamber of Commerce

- Special efforts have been made to engage EJ populations and to those who reside in the project area through neighborhood open houses and CAC meetings. As shown in Table 1, neighborhood open houses were held in eight locations throughout the project area in 2012 to gather input for the community impact analysis. Participants had an opportunity to learn about project alternatives and complete a community impact survey.

Table 1. Neighborhood Meetings - 2012			
Date	Community	Location	Number of Attendees
September 20, 2012	North Beach	The Breakers Condominiums/ Corpus Christi North Beach Associations 4242 Gulfbreeze Blvd.	25
October 15, 2012	Northside	St. Paul United Methodist Church 1202 Sam Rankin St.	30
October 23, 2012	South Central	Kelsey Memorial United Methodist Church 1610 Comanche St.	15
November 5, 2012	Westside	Antonio E. Garcia Arts & Education Center 2021 Agnes St.	6
November 8, 2012	Northside	Oveal Williams Senior Center Members Lunch 1414 Martin Luther King Dr.	30
November 8, 2012	Westside	Oak Park Elementary School 3801 Leopard St.	17
November 12, 2012	Portland	Portland Community Center 2000 Billy G. Webb Dr.	25
November 13, 2012	Refinery Row (Dona Park and Academy Heights)	St. Theresa Parish 1302 Lantana St.	8

- TxDOT and the City of Corpus Christi held two community open houses at the Oveal Williams Senior Center and at the Ben Garza Park gymnasium on proposed 4(f) park mitigation in September 2013. Meeting participants were asked for their reactions to proposed enhancements to parks in their neighborhoods including T.C. Ayers Park, Lovenskiold Park, Ben Garza Park, Dr. H. J. Williams Memorial Park, and the Rincon Channel Wetlands Interpretive Overlook, as well as to a proposed new park at the Booker T. Washington Elementary/RTA site (Washington Park).
- On January 3, 2014, a Notice of Availability was published, announcing the release of the Draft EIS for public comment. The public comment period extended from January 3 – March 18, 2014 (it was extended an additional two weeks in response to a public request). During the public



comment period, TxDOT held eight neighborhood open houses (see Table 2) and 20 storefront meetings at the La Retama central public library and the Oveal Williams Senior Center on the Northside, and was available every day of the comment period to provide information, answer questions and receive comments on the Draft EIS at the TxDOT Corpus Christi District Office.

Table 2. Neighborhood Open Houses – 2014			
Date	Community	Location	Number of Attendees
January 14, 2014	Northside	St. Paul United Methodist Church 1202 Sam Rankin St.	12
January 15, 2014	Dona Park	Gibson Elementary School 5723 Hampshire Rd.	13
January 16, 2014	Portland	Portland Community Center 2000 Billy G. Webb Dr.	33
January 21, 2014	North Beach	Radisson North Beach 3200 Surfside Blvd.	24
January 23, 2014	Northside	Oveal Williams Senior Center Members Lunch 1414 Martin Luther King Dr.	17
January 27, 2014	South Central	Kelsey Memorial United Methodist Church 1610 Comanche St.	29
January 29, 2014	Westside	Oak Park Elementary 3801 Leopard St.	10
January 30, 2014	Westside	Antonio E. Garcia Arts & Education Center 2021 Agnes St.	13

- A public hearing was held on February 18, 2014 to receive comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS). Approximately 300 individuals signed in at the public hearing and nearly 70 written and oral comments were received. The hearing was heavily publicized through the local news media, project website, project newsletters, and via English/Spanish radio spots.
- To specifically address proposed mitigation of impacts to low-income and minority populations in the project area, TxDOT and FHWA met once with the TAC and twice with the CAC to gather input. Input gathered in January 2014 at the CAC and TAC meetings (and at the public hearing) was used to revise the project EJ Mitigation Plan before the plan was presented again to interested stakeholders (at one-on-one meetings) and to the CAC during the months of May, June, and July 2014. The stakeholder meetings were concluded with a final CAC meeting on Tuesday July 8, 2014. Members were given a chance to express preferences on various proposed EJ mitigation activities using instantaneous electronic polling. Results were as follows:



- 71% supported the development of a Community Sustainability Plan for the Northside neighborhoods
- 64% supported a Livability Summit in Corpus Christi to be hosted by TxDOT, FHWA, HUD, and EPA
- 64% supported the creation of a bicycle/pedestrian trail linking neighborhood parks and the Oveal Williams Center in the Northside neighborhoods.
- 85% supported a shuttle service between Hillcrest and the Oveal Williams Senior Center during project construction
- 100% supported enhanced amenities at the Oveal Williams Senior Center
- 92% supported the relocation of the Head Start Program currently in Hillcrest
- 92% supported the creation of neighborhood history displays at the Oveal Williams Center.
- 100% supported a community workshop on landscaping and streetscaping around and under the bridge that might incorporate elements of neighborhood history.
- 85% supported TxDOT ensuring that employers and employees affected by displacement be made aware of Work Force Solutions of the Coastal Bend.
- 92% supported a job fair.

In addition, CAC members were introduced to context sensitive solutions and given a chance to express preferences for the look of areas around the bridge at street level.

Message

From: Arnold, Tina [Arnold.Tina@epa.gov]
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Subject: Re: Harbor Bridge Neighborhood Workshop Invite and Questions

Kimeka -

Please remove me from your Harbour Bridge mailing group as I am no longer involved with this ongoing project. If there are legal questions, that arise that I may be of assistance with, feel free to reach out to me.

Thanks,
Tina

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Subject: Harbor Bridge Neighborhood Workshop Invite and Questions

See Chris' email below. Please find attached questions and invitation for the upcoming workshop on February 21, 2015. Please let me know as soon as possible if you have comments on the attachments. If there are any comments, I will forward to Chris at TXDOT.

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Good afternoon folks,

Attached is the invite to send to the Northside Neighborhood residents and the questions to be presented at the workshop discussion tables. TxDOT is preparing the mail out tomorrow for notification to residents no later than the 13th of February. Please provide any comments to Kimeka to pass along to TxDOT for our consideration.

Sincerely,

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